

Remarks

Claims 1-8 were pending. Claims 1-3, and 6-8 have been amended above and Claims 9-17 are added, antecedent basis for which exists throughout the specification, including the claims as originally filed. Upon entry of the present Amendment, claims 1-17 will be pending and in condition for allowance.

The rejection under Section 112 is respectfully traversed in view of the above editorial amendment of corresponding claims.

With regard to the Examiner's reference to "the program comprising ..." in Claim 1, the meaning of this portion is quite clear if read in its full context, but has nevertheless been editorially amended for the benefit of the Examiner.

With regard to the Examiner's reference to capitalization of "internet", at paragraph 6 of the Action, Applicants have editorially amended the claims accordingly.

Finally, claims 6 through 8 have been rewritten into independent form, in the manner suggested by the Examiner.

The rejection under Section 102 is respectfully traversed. Shoff, et al. merely describe an "interactive" entertainment system that involves the use of both interactive supplemental content, provided by a program provider, together with continuous video programs, thereby permitting viewer interactivity with otherwise non-interactive video programs. The system of Shoff et al. differs in several ways from that of the present invention, most particularly including the fact that it does appear to disclose an *integrated* system in the manner presently described and claimed.

The present invention provides the ability to "integrate" both local and online content in a seamless manner, thereby permitting the user to *not only* access and display information from a variety of sources, but to also move within and between those sources in a seamless and controllable fashion. Moreover, the dedicated server is itself integrated, in that it continually seeks additional content, in a manner personalized to the user's own preferences, in order to download and make that content available to the user as well.

See, for instance, page 24, lines 11-20 of the present specification, where it is explained that the present system "provides the player(s) in a form that is *integrated with* the browser itself, so as to permit topical information to be "pulled" from secondary sources (the dedicate server or other sites) *by the application itself*, or by the user, while also continually or periodically monitoring such sources via the internet for further relevant information." (emphasis added). This integration provides options and benefits that are far different than, and in turn, far beyond those provided by in the method and system of Shoff et al.

The rejection under Section 103 is respectfully traversed. Fidelibus et al. is largely relied upon for the particular elements of dependent claims 3 or 5. Regardless of the extent to which the reference may contemplate these various elements, the reference is not asserted, nor does it appear, to remedy the shortcomings described above with respect to Shoff et al., in that it also

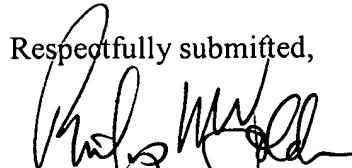
fails to teach or suggest the integration of various aspects as presently claimed and summarized above.

Accordingly, entry of the present Amendment and reconsideration of the pending rejection is respectfully requested. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned in the event any remaining issues arise.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees required to Deposit Account No. 061910.

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